

**Assembly Bill No. 93**

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Passed the Assembly    August 25, 2000

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Passed the Senate    August 24, 2000

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to amend Sections 14011.15 and 14012 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 93, Cedillo. Medi-Cal program: eligibility determinations.

Existing law requires certain Medi-Cal recipients to file annual reaffirmations of eligibility and at other times as specified by the department.

This bill would eliminate the authority of the department to require additional reaffirmations of eligibility.

Because each county is responsible for Medi-Cal eligibility determinations, and because this bill would expand Medi-Cal eligibility, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 14011.15 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

14011.15. (a) The department shall, not later than July 1, 2000, create and implement a simplified application package for children, families, and adults applying for Medi-Cal benefits. This simplified



application package shall include a simplified supplemental resource form.

(b) In developing the application package described in subdivision (a), the department shall seek input from persons with expertise, including beneficiary representatives, counties, and beneficiaries.

(c) The department shall permit an applicant to apply for benefits by mailing in the simplified application package.

(d) The simplified application package shall utilize at a minimum, all of the following documentation standards:

(1) Proof of income shall be documented by the most recent paystub or a copy of the last year's federal income tax return.

(2) Self-declaration of pregnancy.

(3) A simplified supplemental resource form, if applicable.

(e) The department shall not require an applicant who submits a simplified application pursuant to this section to complete a face-to-face interview, except for good cause, a suspicion of fraud, or in order to complete the application process. A county shall conduct random monitoring of the mail-in application process to ensure appropriate enrollment. Every application package shall contain a notification of the applicant's right to complete a face-to-face interview.

(f) Commencing January 1, 2001, the department shall eliminate the requirement that recipients file quarterly status reports.

(g) The department shall implement this section only to the extent that its provisions are not in violation of the requirements of federal law, and only to the extent that federal financial participation is not jeopardized.

(h) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the department shall implement this section by means of an all county letter or similar instruction without taking regulatory action. Thereafter, the department shall adopt regulations in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with



Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

SEC. 2. Section 14012 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

14012. Reaffirmation shall be filed annually.

SEC. 3. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims Fund.



Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2000

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*Governor*

